

AMENDMENT

In the specification:

a₁ Please delete the present title and replace with the new title Polynucleotides Encoding Human Neurexin-Like Proteins--.

In the claims:

✓ Please cancel claims 4 and 5 without prejudice and without disclaimer as drawn to non-elected inventions.

Please amend the claims so that the text of the amended claims read as follows:

1. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

a₂ 2. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence that:

- (a) encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2; and
- (b) hybridizes to the complement of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 under highly stringent conditions of 0.5 M NaHPO₄, 7% sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) and 1 mM EDTA at 65°C and washing in 0.1x SSC/0.1% SDS at 68°C.

Please add new claims 6-8 as follows:

--6. (New) A recombinant expression vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 3.

a₃ 7. (New) The recombinant expression vector of claim 6, wherein the nucleic acid molecule comprises the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

8. (New) A host cell comprising the recombinant expression vector of claim 6.--